

Serial No. 10/678,865		Filing Date October 3, 2003	Case No. 11758/213
Inventor(s) Kenneth J. Muderlak		To Be Assigned	Group Art Unit To Be Assigned
Title of Invention Automatic Flushing Actuator for Tank Style Toilets			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate), Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate), Form PTO-1449, Copies of Two (2) Cited References (A21-A22), and Return Postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra
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Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$9 =	
x 43 =	
+ \$145 =	
Total add'l fee	\$

Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$18 =	
x \$86 =	
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Total add'l fee	\$

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- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kenneth J. Muderlak

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For: Automatic Flushing Actuator for
Tank Style Toilets

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit No.: To Be Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents A21-A22 required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

No.	Date	Name
407,746	7/23/1889	Stevens
668,990	2/26/1901	Jenkins
3,559,217	2/2/1971	Johnson
4,141,091	2/27/1979	Pulvari
CA 1054306	5/15/1979	Liu
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4,338,690	7/13/1982	Hsieh et al.
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4,825,490	5/2/1989	Benshoof
4,941,215	7/17/1990	Liu
5,003,643	4/2/1991	Chung
5,036,553	8/6/1991	Sanderson
WO 9313275	7/8/1993	Martell
5,353,443	10/11/1994	Sim
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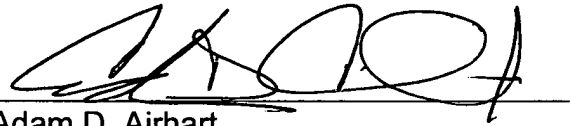
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks

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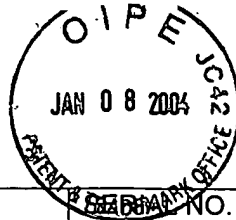
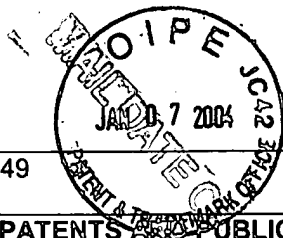
Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam D. Airhart', written over a horizontal line.

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FORM PTO-1449	NO. 10/678,865	CASE NO. 11758/213
LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (use several sheets if necessary)	FILING DATE October 3, 2003	GROUP ART UNIT
APPLICANT(S): Kenneth J. Muderlak		

REFERENCE DESIGNATION

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	407,746	7/23/1889	Stevens		
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	A21	CA 1054306	5/15/1979	Canada		
	A22	WO 9313275	7/8/1993	PCT		

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